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'You serve not just our nation, but also our communities'

By Jeb Bush
Governor of Florida

As Military Appreciation Month draws to a close, it is important for all Floridians to take pride and recognize those men and women in uniform who have served our country in the past, and those of you who continue to do so today - especially as our armed forces are deployed overseas in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Noble Eagle.

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Jeb Bush
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During this time of national urgency, Floridians are particularly aware of the enormous responsibility that you and your colleagues bear, as you fight to defend

our freedom and liberty. Please know that the thoughts and prayers of all the citizens of our great state are with you and your families.

Less noticed,

however, is how critical the military is to Florida's economy, society, and culture. You serve not just our nation, but also our communities, with the utmost dedica-

tion and leadership. You are true community leaders, serving as Little League coaches, scout leaders, and participating in community service organizations.

The military also helps bolster Florida's prosperity. While the attacks of September 11 — combined with a national economic slowdown — continue to impact key sectors of our state's economy, Florida's

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military bases and defense industries provide a solid foundation on which to build our economic recovery.

Florida is home to 21 military installations in 13 counties and three unified commands that together employ over 115,000 active duty and civilian personnel. Fifty-two of Florida's 67 counties are home to defense contractors contributing \$7 billion annually and tens of

thousands of jobs to our economy. Military retirees provide an additional \$3 billion annual boost. Combined, the military and defense-related industries have a \$30 billion annual impact on Florida's economy.

We have worked hard in the past few years to maximize cooperation between the state, military commanders, and defense industry leaders. We have held Base Commanders meetings to foster dialogue; passed several laws to help military

personnel and their families during times of deployment, active service, and transition; and offered grants to communities to help them keep their military and installation infrastructure viable and active.

Florida's part-

nership with our nation's Armed Forces dates back generations, and will only grow stronger in the years ahead. I encourage all Floridians to be thankful today not only for the brave actions of you, our service men and



Florida Gov. Jeb Bush wrote this article, as Military Appreciation Month comes to a close, to recognize the men and women serving the nation. He also noted that all Floridians are grateful of the military's service and the great impact military personnel serving in the state of Florida are having on their communities.

women, but also for the pride we all share in calling the Sunshine State home.

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Command's top NCO retires, receives Army's highest honor

By Tech. Sgt. Lee Roberts, USAF
 Command Run Editor

MIAMI — Command Sgt. Maj. Jesse G. Laye retired here today at the U.S. Southern Command headquarters, but not before charging all NCOs to be vigilant in their



Laye

leadership roles, take care of junior enlisted members, and ensure young soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines are always ready to fight and win the nation's wars and conflicts.

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Army Maj. Gen. Gary D. Speer, U.S. Southern Command acting commander in chief, officiated the retirement ceremony and presented Laye with the Distinguished Service Medal, the highest award given by the Department of the Army. The general also presented Laye's wife Esther with the Department of the Army Certificate of Appreciation for her service and support of her husband over the many years.

During the ceremony, Speer recalled the numerous assignments spanning Laye's career. One assign-



Photo by Air Force Tech. Sgt. Lee Roberts

Army Maj. Gen. Gary D. Speer (Right), U.S. Southern Command acting commander in chief, presents the Distinguished Service Medal to Command Sgt. Maj. Jesse G. Laye during his retirement ceremony today.

ment that the general highlighted was when he commanded the 2nd Ranger Battalion at Fort Drum, N.Y. For 13 months, Speer said, Laye served as his

unit's command sergeant major.

"He was my most trusted adviser and confidant. He was never afraid to provide his opinion, his assessment," Speer said. "And in those very few instances where I did not merit his counsel, he was a professional soldier... he saluted, executed my order, and we moved as one when he walked out of the door."

Speer added that over the years he has grown to appreciate the sergeant major's candor, expertise as a soldier, and further lauded the positive impact Laye had on the officers and enlisted personnel who

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knew and worked with him. The general emphasized that Laye “truly lived every word of the Ranger Creed that he knew so well.”

After several gift presentations, Laye took the stage where he gave his wife and daughter flowers and thanked them for standing by his side through the years... even when he served in lands far away. He then recounted numerous people who had influenced him personally over the

years and who had positively affected his career, before turning his attention on the enlisted members of the command.

Laye told the command’s senior NCOs to remember the younger enlisted members. “Make sure you take care of them,” he stressed. “Take time for them. Talk to them. Counsel them. Help them. Give them your best guidance... that’s what leaders do.”

He also noted that every enlisted person in the command must continue to think about engagement, humani-



Photo by Air Force Tech. Sgt. Lee Roberts

Sergeant Major of the Army Jack L. Tilley (Left) gives Command Sgt. Maj. Jesse G. Laye a token of appreciation during the ceremony. Tilley represented the Army leadership at the event.

tarian assistance, disaster relief, and training in the area of operations. But above all, enlisted members must re-

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member, “we’re about one thing – and that is fighting and killing. We don’t pick who we want to go and fight, who we will have to kill. Our civilian bosses do that for us. It’s your responsibility to make sure these young men and women are ready to do that.”

The ceremony culminated with an energetic recital of the Ranger Creed by several of the command’s very own Rangers, followed by the playing of the Army song.

Laye assumed the duties of command sergeant major of U.S. Southern

Command in October 1997. Prior to that he served as the senior enlisted advisor and command sergeant major of the U.S. Atlantic Command and Supreme Allied Command, Atlantic, in Norfolk, Va.

Laye’s military awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, Purple Heart, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal with four oak leaf clusters, Army Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal (nine awards), National Defense Service Medal with star, Armed Forces Expeditionary



Photo by Air Force Tech. Sgt. Lee Roberts

Esther Laye receives a certificate of appreciation from Sergeant Major of the Army Jack L. Tilley and Army Maj. Gen. Gary D. Speer for her service over the years.

Medal with two stars, and the Humanitarian Service Medal. He also earned the Combat Infantryman Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Drill Sergeant Badge, and

Ranger Tab. He is also authorized to wear the parachutist badges from Canada, El Salvador, Germany, Guatemala, Honduras, and Russia.



Command's 'top doc' retires from soldiering

Maj. Gen. Gary D. Speer (Right), U.S. Southern Command acting commander in chief, presents the Legion of Merit to Army Col. (Dr.) Robert Johnson, U.S. Southern Command Health Clinic commander, during a retirement ceremony Nov. 16 at the headquarters. Johnson's wife Mary, and her aunts Irene Leach and Pauline Kenny from Boca Raton, Fla., attended the event. Johnson, a native of Rochester, Mich., served the nation for more than 30 years, which included seven years in the Air Force. The doctor attended Medical School from 1975 to 1978. (Photo by Army Sgt. Lucy J. Pabon)

Command celebrates Marine Corps' birthday



Photos by Navy Chief Petty Officer Gabe Puello

A Marine Color Guard escorts the Marine Corps' 226th birthday cake Nov. 8 during a ceremony at the U.S. Southern Command headquarters in Miami.



By tradition, the oldest and the youngest Marine present at the birthday celebration eat the first pieces of cake.

(Above) Marine Brig. Gen. Richard Huck, chief of staff, leads the official cake cutting for the Marine Corps birthday. Marines from U.S. Southern Command and Marine Forces South in Miami participated in the event.

Getting pinned

Air Force Brig. Gen. Robert D. Bishop (Right), J-5 Strategy, Policy and Plans Directorate director, promotes Lt. Col. Terry Ferrel, assistant Staff Judge Advocate, to the rank of colonel during a promotion ceremony Oct. 31 at the U.S. Southern Command Headquarters.

Ferrel's wife Denise assists the general with the promotion. The new colonel's daughters Jessica, 17; Christiana, 10; and sons T.J., 14; Kyle, 13; Stephen, 6; and Andrew, 4; and mother Virginia Foor from Lakeland, Fla., attended the event. (Photo by Army Sgt. Lucy J. Pabon)



82nd Airborne Division All-American Chorus entertains south Florida

By Petty Officer 1st Class Ray Sarracino, USN

U.S. Southern Command Public Affairs

Halloween brought a special treat to South Florida this year – the 82nd Airborne Division All-American Chorus. The 23-member chorus, from Fort Bragg, N.C., traveled to south Florida to sing the national anthem at the Miami Heat opening game at the American Airlines Arena and to perform at several other venues in the area.

In addition to a moving performance of the national

anthem by the chorus, pre-game events included U.S. Southern Command members serving on the color guard. The honor guard unfurled a large American flag that nearly covered the entire court, followed by a video-screen message by President George W. Bush.

After the pre-game festivities, SOUTHCOM members and the All-American chorus and their guests moved to the stands to watch the Heat defeat the Toronto Raptors 97-92.

The chorus' mission to entertain South Florida



Photo by Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Ray Sarracino

Members of the 82nd Airborne Division Chorus sing at the U.S. Southern Command Headquarters Nov. 1.

didn't end with their Halloween performance. They also performed at SOUTHCOM headquarters the next morning and at Sawgrass Mills Mall in Sunrise. Both per-

formances included patriotic tunes as well as more popular pop music.

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The performance at SOUTHCOM's main conference room was filled to capacity as the chorus entertained the crowd with such classics as The Drifters' "Under the Boardwalk" and Smokey Robinson and the Miracles' "My Girl," as well as more modern standards as Bette Midler's "Wind beneath my Wings" and Lee Greenwood's "Proud to be an American." The show's highlight was a military medley that included all of the four services theme songs, bringing service members to their feet as the chorus sang their service's theme.

After the SOUTHCOM performance, the chorus was



Photo by Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Ray Sarracino

Brig. Gen. Galen Jackman, J-3 director, poses with the members of the 82nd Airborne Chorus Nov. 1, and Chiqui Dickerson, who baked the cake for the event.

treated to a reception that included—to their delight and surprise—a large cake in the shape of the 82nd Airborne Division emblem.

They sang for shoppers who remained enraptured throughout the show that included several of the standards from the earlier show

and an oldies medley that featured a with a chorus member impersonating 'The King' himself.

Throughout the program several female members of the audience reacted to the soldier's talented efforts with a fervor similar to an N'Sync concert.

This group of 23 soldier/singers are members of an elite unit within an elite unit. All were already members of the 82nd Airborne Division when they auditioned for slots in the All-American Chorus.

For more information on the 82nd Airborne Division All-American Chorus, visit: www.bragg.army.mil/www-82DV/all_american_chorus.htm.

E-Card will help soldiers with studies

By Jim Caldwell
FORT MONROE, Va.

(Army News Service, Nov. 15, 2001) - Soldiers in professional-development courses will soon be given a credit-card-size E-Card to help them with research projects.

The E-Card fits into a computer's CD-Rom drive. When it is inserted, it will automatically show the links to military Web sites and other distance-learning resources. When the soldier clicks on the name of the Web site, the connec-

tion is made.

"The cards will be given to soldiers attending courses on levels above basic training and AIT (advanced individual training)," said Col. Christopher Olson, director of Training Development and Analysis Activity for Training and Doctrine Command's Deputy Chief of Staff for Training.

Olson oversees the building of The Army Distance Learning Program, for which the E-Card was developed.

When the distance learning system is completed in fiscal year 2003, he said there will be 700 classrooms equipped to receive or originate interactive video and computer-

based training throughout the network.

Students attending Non-commissioned Officer and Officer Education Systems, as well as distance-learning courses will be given an E-Card.

Soldiers enrolled in The Army University Online, or eArmyU, are issued computers with the information on the E-Card already loaded.

Soldiers should keep the card they are given, officials said. When soldiers take future courses, they can use it again. If the system has added or deleted Web site links, the card will be automatically updated when it's inserted into a computer CD-Rom drive.

The E-Card is based on

similar cards used in industry. On the plain side, the playing side, is a raised circle that fits into the CD recess in the computer's drive. Once the E-Card fits into the recess and the tray is closed, the Web sites on the E-Card are displayed.

The cards currently contain 28 Web sites, but that will increase, according to Jim Wood, information and marketing contractor with Communication Technologies, the company that makes the CD-Rom cards.

"The next iteration will have more than 30 Web sites," Wood said.

(Editor's note: Jim Caldwell is a writer for TRADOC News Service.)



It's Eagle time

Army Brig. Gen. Galen B. Jackman (Left), J-3 Operations Directorate director, promotes Lt. Col. Jeffrey Rarig, J-3, to the rank of colonel during a ceremony Nov. 1 at the U.S. Southern Command Headquarters. Rarig's wife Kris assists the general with the promotion. The new colonel's daughters Amy 13; and Katie, 10; and parents, Dave and Elaine Rarig, from Duvall, Wash., attended the event. (Photo by Army Sgt. Lucy J. Pabon)

Anthrax threat suspends Dear Abby, 'Any Service Member' mail programs

By Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

ALEXANDRIA, Va., Oct. 30, 2001 — Military postal officials have reluctantly ended the "Operation Dear Abby" and "Any Service Member" postal programs due to the anthrax threat.

Alan F. Estevez, acting assistant deputy undersecretary of defense for transportation policy, suspended the two programs in a signed Oct. 30 memorandum to the Military Postal Service Agency. The memo formalizes an interim agency suspension issued Oct. 16. Effective immediately, mail will no longer be accepted for these anonymous-sender programs.

The Dear Abby program, founded by the newspaper advice columnist,



has delivered mail to U.S. service members overseas during the holiday season for 17 years. "Any Service Member" mail grew out of Desert Shield and Desert Storm, but really cranked up during the U.S. assistance to Bosnia in 1995, officials said.

Both programs let U.S. service members overseas know that fellow Americans support them and appreciate their sacrifices.

A written notice from the Military Postal Service Agency said the

most critical issue surrounding these mail programs is personnel safety. "Both of these programs create an avenue to introduce mail into the system from unknown sources," the notice said. "The recent mail-related attacks have demonstrated the vulnerability of the postal system."

Mail handling has become more sensitive and time consuming, said officials, and the increased volume of mail that would result from the Dear Abby and Any Service Member programs could impact the quality of military postal service and force protection.

U.S. Postal Service officials said a ton of letter mail equals about 71,000 typical first-class letters.

For more information about military mail, 2001 holiday season mailing schedules and more, visit the Military Postal Service Agency Web site at <http://hqdainet.army.mil/mpsa/main.htm>.

DoD announces alternative for suspended mail programs

WASHINGTON — The Department of Defense announced Nov. 28 an alternative to the “Any Servicemember” and “Operation Dear Abby” programs, which were suspended indefinitely in the wake of anthrax mail attacks. The Navy has developed a Web-based alternative to benefit members of all services. The program can be reached at the Navy LIFELines Services Network by visiting <http://www.LIFELines2000.org> or <http://any Servicemember.navy.mil>. Those who want to send a message of support or holiday greeting to military service members will find a simple



process for delivering messages at these sites. The “Any Servicemember” program allows participants to select from one or all branches of the military. To receive a message of support, service members will log onto the Web site and choose messages for their

branch of Service and home state. Those sending a message who wish to receive a response may include a return e-mail address. Since all messages are viewed on the Web, the military’s regular e-mail service is not affected. “Operation Dear Abby” was founded by

the newspaper advice columnist and has delivered mail to service members overseas during the holiday season for more than 17 years. The “Any Servicemember” mail program began during Operation Desert Storm in 1990, and continued to grow during operations in Bosnia, starting in 1995. Other alternatives for supporting deployed servicemembers were announced in an Oct. 30 news release, available at <http://www.defense link.mil/news/Oct2001>, by selecting “Other Ways to Get Behind Troops.” For this and other DoD news, go to <http://www.defense link.mil>.

Hammer time

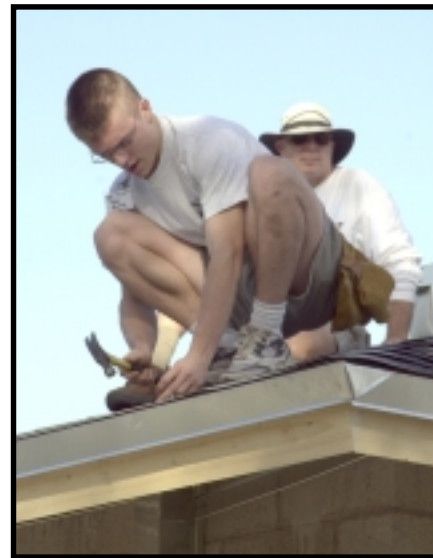
Command volunteers swing into action at Habitat for Humanity site



Command volunteers do roofing work on a Habitat for Humanity home earmarked to shelter a low-income family in Broward County. Many of the volunteers, who worked side by side with the soon-to-be first-time homeowners, said the experience was very gratifying because their efforts would provide shelter for these families.



Photos by Navy Lt. Cmdr. Ed Buclatin
U.S. Southern Command volunteers work on one of five homes at a Habitat for Humanity worksite Nov. 16 on NW 13th Court in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. Altogether, more than 20 personnel labored to speed build these homes between Nov. 10 and 17.



Air Force 2nd Lt. Robert Gore, J-2 Intelligence Directorate, wields a hammer on the roof. The efforts of the command's volunteers were instrumental in accomplishing the project.



A Mock up

Air Force Brig. Gen. Robert Bishop (Right), J-5 Strategy, Policy, and Plans Directorate director, promotes Army Master Sgt. Joe Mock, J-5 Strategic Outreach Division, to the rank of sergeant major during a ceremony today at the headquarters building in Miami. Mock's wife Paula assists the general with the promotion. (Photo by Air Force Tech. Sgt. Lee Roberts)

Soldier scores big bucks on 'Millionaire'

By Spc. Kenneth Rockett

FORT EUSTIS, Va. (Army News Service, Nov. 16, 2001) — Several service members competed Nov. 11-12 in a two-part special edition of the national television show "Who Wants to be a Millionaire," but it was a Fort Eustis Army captain that took home top earnings with winnings totaling \$125,000.

Capt. Travis Sumner,

"I always said to myself when I went into this that I was just going to try to enjoy everything regardless of what else happened. Winning the money is just a bonus."

Army Capt. Travis Sumner
Millionaire contestant

movements officer for the 7th Transportation Group, won the most money for the two-part program, which honored members of the Armed Forces in recognition of Veterans Day.

"I'm pretty excited and happy about it," Sumner said of his experience at the New York studio.

Other notable winners included Army Sgt. Maj. Steven D. Malnar of Fort

Monroe, Va., and Air Force Staff Sgt. Jim Laverty, who each won \$64,000. Navy Lt. j.g. Shannon Martin and Coast Guard Chief Scott Hastings pocketed \$32,000 and Marine Capt. William Hennessy walked away with \$16,000.

Sumner said just being on the show was a great experience and that's what he focused on more than the money. "I always said to

myself when I went into this that I was just going to try to enjoy everything regardless of what else happened. Winning the money is just a bonus."

Sumner said that at first he was a little nervous, but as the game progressed and he kept answering more and more questions, he became more relaxed and focused. He said the show's host Regis Philbin does a good job of keeping contestants calm during the show.

"Regis really wants people to win," Sumner said. "He's a genuinely nice person."

Sumner said another

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thing that helped was the show's lighting. He said that when a contestant is seated across from Philbin they can't really see the audience and therefore are able to focus just on the questions.

Sumner said he plans on using the money to pay off his car and student loans and then put the rest in the bank. He also said he might treat himself to a trip somewhere, but is still undecided.

Fellow soldier

Other notable winners

Army Sgt. Maj. Steven D. Malnar
\$64,000

Air Force Staff Sgt. Jim Laverty
\$64,000

Navy Lt. j.g. Shannon Martin
\$32,000

Coast Guard Chief Scott Hastings
\$32,000

Marine Capt. William Hennessy
\$16,000

and money-winner Sgt. Maj. Steven D. Malnar, the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command public affairs sergeant major at Fort

Monroe, Va., talked to Sumner after the show and gave him some advice.

"Capt. Sumner is a really great guy," Malnar said. "I told

him that after winning \$125,000, he'd better start wearing those glasses with the big fake nose and funny mustache. He's a single guy, but not for long."

Malnar said his winning \$64,000 isn't cause for big changes in his life.

"It was great to have had this experience, but it hasn't changed much," Malnar said. "I'm not going on any lavish spending sprees or exotic trips. This [win] just means we are going to be debt free. I'm going to pay some bills, not that we have a lot. For the

most part we'll apply this money to doing things for my kids."

"My only real purchase," Malnar added, "will be a riding mower; I've got an acre of land and I'm tired of pushing a mower."

In late October, thousands of service members competed for the right to be on the show but only 14 were selected to attend the tapings.

(Editor's Note: Spc. Kenneth Rockett is a journalist with the 7th Transportation Group at Fort Eustis, Va.)

You're my angel

Army Maj. Gen. Gary D. Speer (Right background), U.S. Southern Command acting commander in chief, and Sgt. Maj. Jose Lopez, acting command sergeant major, each pick an angel off of the Christmas tree located outside the Main Conference Room. SOUTHCOM personnel have an opportunity to brighten the holidays for local foster children by picking an angel off the tree, which contains information about the age and sex of a child, and then purchasing a nominal holiday gift. Further directions are located at the tree, but the wrapped gift or gifts must be delivered to Public Affairs by noon Dec. 10.



News briefs

Separating?

If you are within 180 days of separation or within one year of retirement, there is a mandatory pre-separation briefing 2:30 to 4 p.m. Dec. 12 at the Education Center at the Codina Building located at 8300 NW 33rd Street in Miami.

This briefing is a prerequisite for the four-day Transition Assistance Program workshops that are held quarterly (The next one is Jan. 28-

31). For more information, call Michela Barrow at (305) 437-2665 or 2632.

BX shuttle

The U.S. Southern Command runs a shuttle from the Thurman Building north entrance to the Homestead Air Reserve Station BX Mart every Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. and returns when all patrons are done shopping or conducting business, which is no later than 2:30 p.m. The shuttle is for all military and civil ser-

vice personnel. Family members can also utilize the shuttle to Homestead.

TAP workshop

The next transition assistance program workshop is Jan. 28-31 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the La Quinta Hotel, 8730 NW 27th Street. For more information or to sign up call (305) 437-2671 or 2726.

Newcomers

The Family Support Center is sponsoring a newcomers

briefing 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Dec. 7 at the Base Operations Education Center located at the Codina Building, Suite 110, 8300 NW 33rd Street.

The briefing includes presentations from the TRICARE representative; SOUTHCOM Health Clinic; Housing Office; Traffic Management Office; Education Office; Legal Office; Quality of Life Office; Morale, Welfare, and Recreation; DoD Police; and chaplain. For more

information or to reserve your seat at the briefing, call (305) 437-2667.

Miami tour

The Family Support Center is sponsoring its monthly Miami area tour 9 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Dec. 12.

The tour is free to military personnel and their families. The tour begins and ends at the Codina Building, Suite 110, at 8300 NW 33

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Street. For more information or to sign up for the tour, call (305) 437-2665.

Finance class

The Family Support Center is sponsoring a basic personal finance class 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Dec. 20 at the Base Operations Education Center located at the Codina Building, Suite 110, 8300 NW 33rd Street.

The class covers subjects such as banking, budgeting, credit, debt reduction, mutual funds and insurance. This is an introductory class designed for junior personnel and family members. For more information or to sign up for

the class, call (305) 437-2665.

Zip Code meetings

The Zip Code Coffee Groups meetings allow spouses to meet other spouses and exchange ideas, babysitters, places to go, best bargains, best doctors, and more.

Call the following coordinators to get involved:

In Kendall, Hammocks, Central Dade and South Dade, call Missy Whiddon at (305) 971-3131 or Linda Payne at (786) 242-9249.

In Weston, Davie, Plantation, Fort Lauderdale, Coral Springs and North, call Harriot Johnston at (954) 385-2296.

In Pembroke Pines,

Cooper City, Hollywood, Miramar, call Melissa Badami at (954) 443-7732.

In Doral and North Dade, call Valerie Peralta at (305) 436-8340 or Gabriela Scott at (305) 468-8947.

Free admission

Active duty military, and reservists and retirees with activation orders, are receiving unlimited complimentary admission to Anheuser-Busch amusement parks until Dec. 31. In addition, immediate family members receive a complimentary admission on the first visit. After the first visit, admission for immediate family members and guests will be discounted by 25 percent.

This offer is valid during regular park operating hours. Simply present a military ID to get admission into SeaWorld in Orlando, San Antonio or San Diego; Busch Gardens in Tampa Bay or Williamsburg; and Sesame Place in Philadelphia.

This offer does not include Water Country or Discovery Cove. Anheuser-Busch Companies hope, in some small way, this begins to send the multitude of thanks to military personnel who put their lives on the line each and every day.

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Photo by Air Force Tech. Sgt. Lee Roberts

Ask the chief

Command Chief Master Sgt. Lawrence Chang, from the 482nd Fighter Wing at Homestead Air Reserve Station, Fla., addresses Air Force enlisted members at the U.S. Southern Command Tuesday about current operations at Homestead. The chief covered a myriad of other topics and answered questions.

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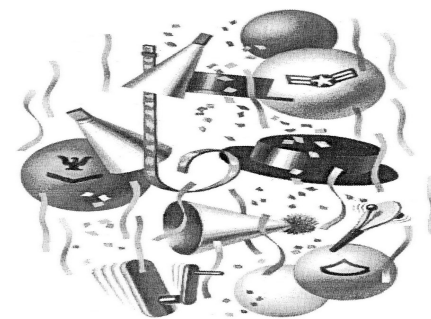
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tax year 2001 will be mailed to the home address on file with the Defense Finance and Accounting Service by Jan. 15, 2002 to all Department of Defense military retirees and annuitants.

Retirees or annuitants that do not get their 1099-Rs by Jan. 31, 2002, have questions about their 1099-R forms, or need to update mailing addresses should contact DFAS at **(800) 321-1080**, Monday through Friday, between 7 and 7:30 a.m. Eastern Time.

Be prepared to provide social security number, date of retirement, and cur-

rent mailing address.



Holiday social

The U.S. Southern Command's Holiday Social is 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 14 under the big tent in the headquarter's east parking lot. All personnel and their families are encouraged to attend this holiday social to enjoy food, fun and camaraderie. This year's theme is "Marching South for the Winter." Get in touch with a directorate point of contact for more information about the event.

Command has 'hula' of a time at fall picnic



(Left) Children play with an "air" clown at the command's fall picnic Nov. 9.

(Below) The kids compete in a friendly game of tug of war during the command picnic at Crandon State Park in Key Biscayne, Fla.



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Photos by Army Sgt. Lucy J. Pabon

Several kids "hula hoop" at Crandon State Park in Key Biscayne, Fla., during the U.S. Southern Command's fall picnic Nov. 9. Command members enjoyed a break from work, ate delicious burgers and hot dogs, took part in the recreation, and jumped at the chance to socialize and relax with coworkers and their families.

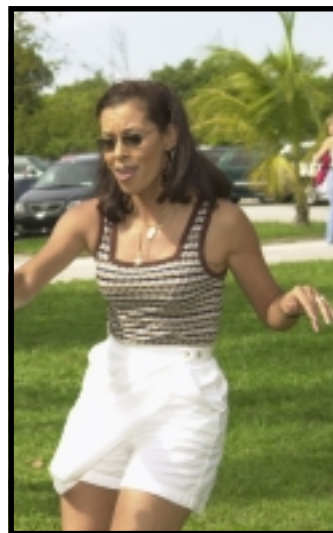


(Left) The children participate in a spirited potato sack race during the picnic at Crandon State Park. A lot of the activities were geared to family participation.

(Bottom Left) Army Sgt. 1st Class Catherine B. Allie gets served a plate of food at the picnic.



(Bottom Right) Army Sgt. Maj. Maj. Alcover, J-2 Directorate, and wife Evelyn, J-5 Directorate, partake in the picnic delights at Crandon State Park.



(Left) Army Staff Sgt. Lilly Quinones, U.S. Southern Command Congressional Affairs, takes time during the picnic to groove to the salsa music, which was provided by a local disc jockey.



Command Group, U.S. Army Garrison claim Cup



Ed Gleichman (Right), playing for the J-6 golf team, hits an approach shot as Scott Johnson looks on during the 2001 CINC's Cup Golf Tournament at Miami Springs Golf Course Nov. 9. The U.S. Army Garrison Miami/Command Group team captured this year's CINC Cup thanks to Michael Norman's sterling play and 74 score.

CINC Cup Golf Tournament Results

Congratulations to the following golfers who competed in the command's CINC Cup Golf Tournament at Miami Springs Golf Course Nov. 9:

CINC Cup first place

■ Michael Norman (Score 74)
USAG-Miami, Command Group

CINC Cup second place

■ James Symonds (Score 80)
J-3 Directorate

CINC Cup third place

■ Rolando Neives (Score 83)
J-6 Directorate

Team Competition

First place (USAG/CMD Group)

■ Michael Norman (Score 72)
■ Robert Rogers

■ Jennifer Insel

■ Antonio Maldonado

Second place (J-4, J-5)

■ Brad Steele (Score 75)

■ Curtis Herring

■ Gerry Dale

■ Glynn Wood

Third place (J-6)

■ Ed Gleichman (Score 79)

■ Scott Johnston

■ Lee Roberts

Men's longest drive

■ Aaron Terry

Women's longest drive

■ Norma Tovar

Men's closest to pin

■ Angel Colon

Women's closest to pin

■ Norma Tovar

Honor Roll

'Top Dog' winners

Brig. Richard Gen. Richard Huck (Left), U.S. Southern Command chief of staff, presents Army Lt. Col. Paul Flynn, Army Maj. Carlos Figueroa, and Army Maj. Rodney Peralta, all from the J-5 Strategy, Policy and Plans Directorate, the "Top Dog Certificate," given for superb staff work in support of the commander in chief, during a ceremony at the Commanders in Chief Briefing Room Nov. 8. (Photo by Air Force Tech. Sgt. Lee Roberts)



Left to right are Marine Brig. Gen. Richard Huck, U.S. Southern Command chief of staff, Army Lt. Col. Paul Flynn, Army Maj. Carlos Figueroa, and Army Maj. Rodney Peralta.

Sgt. Wendy Rabias



Service: U.S. Army

Organization:

**J-2 Intelligence Directorate's
Joint Intelligence Center**

Duty title:

Peru Analyst

Time in service: 5 years

Hometown: Brooklyn, N.Y.

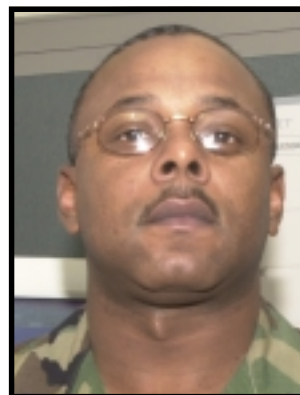
Hobbies: Volleyball, soccer,
running

Favorite duty station: National

Ground Intelligence Center at Washington Navy Yard

Career highlights: Leadership awardee at Primary Leadership Development Course; scored 300 on her physical training test in September; Soldier of the Quarter as a private first class in National Ground Intelligence Center, and also as a specialist in Bosnia.

Gunnery Sgt. Johnn W. Liles



Service: U.S. Marine Corps

Organization: U.S. Southern
Command Reserve Affairs

Duty title: Reserve Adminis-
tration Chief

Time in service: 20 years

Hometown: Anson County,
N.C.

Hobbies: Watching all types
of sports; working out;
collecting collegiate

sweatshirts

Favorite duty station: Battalion administration
chief on Inspector-Instructor Staff, Newport News,
Va.

Career highlights: Finishing as a distinguished
graduate from the Advanced Senior NCO Career
Course, and recently being selected to the rank of
Master Sergeant.

Commandant visits, dons Marine Corps' new cammies

The commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. James L. Jones, addresses a group of Marines assigned to U.S. Southern Command and U.S. Marine Forces South during his visit to SOUTHCOM's headquarters in Miami Oct. 4. Jones wore the future camouflage utility uniform of the U.S. Marine Corps, expected to be issued sometime in 2002. Developed with the help of the Marine Corps scout sniper community, the Corps holds the patent on the new design. The camouflage features an advanced digital pixel pattern available in green and brown (desert) patterns. The uniform is made of a permanent press, quick-drying, wrinkle-free material that eliminates the need for dry cleaning or starching. (Photo by Air Force Tech. Sgt. Lee Roberts)

